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**RE:** Serial No. 09/939,932; Filed:  
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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION  
UNDER M.P.E.P. § 708.02, VIII**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Attn: Group Director, Group 2624  
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Sir:

**Petition**

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

**Claims**

- ☒ All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.
- ☒ If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, then applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.
- ☐ If claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are found not to be examinable in this case with claims(s) \_\_\_\_\_ then applicant hereby elects claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ for prosecution of this case.

**Search**

A search as been made by

- ☒ the inventor
- ☒ attorney
- ☐ professional searcher
- ☒ foreign patent office.

**Copy of References**

- ☒ The references were provided to the Patent Office in three separate information disclosure statements mailed on June 28, 2002, December 17, 2002 and April 21, 2003.
- ☐ There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.
- ☐ Also attached are Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

**Detailed Discussion of the References**

- ☐ There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

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- ☐ Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement


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- ☒ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this paper is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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